

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on February 8, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 305, 1/29/1999

SB 200, 2/1/1999

SB 274, 2/4/1999

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 274

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Bill Wilson, Senate District 22, said the bill would exempt aerospace equipment from the business equipment tax.

EXHIBIT(tah31a01)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Gary Blair, Retired, Department of Military Affairs,

EXHIBIT(tah31a02)

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Evan Barrett, Montana Economic Development Association

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John Lawton, City Manager, Great Falls

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Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

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Cary Hegreberg, Montana Wood Products Association

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Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

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Terry Pehan, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

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Tim Ryan, Executive Director, High Plains Development Association

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Trey Harbert, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

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Rep. Diana Wyatt, House District 43

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Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

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Rep. Trudi Schmidt, House District 42

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Andy Poole, Montana Department of Commerce

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue **EXHIBIT**(tah31a03) -
Amendments

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing Statement by Sponsor

Sen. Wilson closed.

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HEARING ON SB 200

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mike Taylor, Senate District 37, opened the hearing.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Mick Robinson, Governor's Office

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Evan Barrett, Montana Economic Development Association

EXHIBIT(tah31a04)

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Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns
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Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
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Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business
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Jim Peterson, Montana Stockgrowers and Cattlemens Association
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Jim Turkiewicz, Montana Auto Dealers Association
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Cary Hegreberg, Montana Wood Products Association
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Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
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Bill Stevens, Montana Food Distributors Association
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Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
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Arla Jeanne Murray, Montana Cattlemen
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2}

John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3}

Gloria Paladichuk, Richland Economic Development Association and
the City of Glendive
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.4}

Opponents' Testimony:

Don Judge, AFL-CIO
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Ron deYong, Montana Farmers Union
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Phil Shikany, Retired Teacher and Homeowner, Billings
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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Taylor closed.

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HEARING ON HB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. David Ewer, House District 53 **EXHIBIT**(tah31a05)

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Note: **Chairman Hibbard** announced that because of time constraints, proponents and opponents of the bill who would not be able to attend the continuance of the hearing on 2/9/99 were invited to testify. The sponsor agreed.

Proponents' Testimony:

None at this time.

Opponents' Testimony:

Dave Fisher, Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission

EXHIBIT(tah31a06)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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The hearing on HB 305 is to be continued on 2/9/99.

Adjourn.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah31aad)